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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: Chan S. Park
Kenichi OHTA et al.	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2622
Appln. No.: 09/515,610	)	
	:	Allowed: August 12, 2005
Filed: February 29, 2000	)	
	:	
For: COPYING MACHINE, IMAGE	)	
PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE :		
PROCESSING SYSTEM AND IMAGE )		
PROCESSING METHOD	:	September 8, 2005

**Mail Stop Issue Fee**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of an August 12, 2005 Notice of Allowance and Notice of Allowability in the above-referenced application. The Issue Fee is due on or before November 14, 2005, and is being paid concurrently herewith.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Reasons for Allowance set forth in the August 12, 2005 Notice of Allowability on the grounds that whereas the Reasons refer to a "copying machine" and "operation means", Claims 38 through 40 do not recite "operation means" and Claims 39 and 40 do not recite "copying machine"; instead, Claim 38 recites

an --operation section-- while Claims 39 and 40 recite use the term --step--.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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